ered under this regimen. As a preventive measure BCG vaccination is being to the children of the age group 0-1 years.

To educate the masses, about T.B. disease its prevention, stress is being given on health education through T.V. and Radio spots, advertisements in newspaper and booklets/pamphlets.

Excavation of Stones in Uttar Pradesh

[*Translation*]

733. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have banned excavation of stones from forest land in Uttar Pradesh to check environment pollution;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted in loss of revenue and thousands of people have been rendered jobless; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is some insignificant loss of revenue and employment opportunities to local people on account of ban on excavation of stone from forest areas. This loss is, however, more than compensated for as banning excavation of stone forest areas helps in protecting the forest from denudation and also checking environmental pollution.

(c) The Mines Department of Uttar Pradesh sanctions leases for excavation o stones on Gram Samaj (Community Lands which generates revenue to the Government and employment to the local people.

Promotion of Tourism Through Festivals

[*English*]

734. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a list of festivals with a view to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the names of these festivals;

(c) the facilities being provided by the Union Government to the respective State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the effect of this scheme to promote tourism so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A list of festivals prepared by the Department is given in the statement.

(c) Central financial assistance for promotion of festivals, is extended to State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and inter se priorities.

(d) Promotion of such Indian fairs and festivals enhances the awareness of the country's cultural heritage and increases tourist arrivals to destinations where the festivals are held.

STATEMENT

Important Festivals Identified for Tourism Promotion

Sl. No.	Name of Festival	Date & Month	Places	State
1		2	3	4 5
1.	Desert Festival	28-30 January	Jaisalmar	Rajasthan
2.	Kite Festival	13.15 January	Ahmedabad	Gujarath
3.	Pongal Festival	13.17 January		Tamil Nadu
4.	Elophant March	16-21 January	Trivendrum	Kerala
5.	Nagpur Festival	23-25 January	Nagpur	Rajasthan
6.	Republic Day	26 January		All India
7.	Crafts Mela	1-15 February	Suraj Kund	Haryana
8.	Yoga Week	2-7 February	Rishikesh	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Goa Carnival	9.12 February		Goa
10.	Elephanta Festival	22.24 February	Elephanta	Maharashtra
11.	Heli-Skilling	2nd & 3rd week of Februaty	Manali	Himachal Pradesh
12.	Chapcharkut	23 February	All over State	Mizoram

Sl. No.	Name of Festival	Date & Month	Places	State
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13.	Hola Mohalla Festival	27 February 1st March	All over State	Punjab
14.	Basant Utasav	March	Shantiniketan	West Bengal
15.	Khajuraho Festival	12.18 March	Khajuraho	Madhya Pradesh
16.	Ellora Festival	21.23 March	Ellora	Maharashtra
17.	International Flower Festival	March-May	Gangtok	Sikkim
18.	International Tea Festival	26-28 October	Darjeeling	West bengal
19.	Bohag Biguo Bangoli Bihu	14.15 April	All over STate	Assam
20.	Trichur Pooram	April	Trichur	Kerala
21.	Chithirai Festival	April-May	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
22.	Summer Festival	1.10 May	Kohima	Nagaland
23.	Hemis Festival	June	Ladakh	Kashmir
24.	Summer Festival	1-3 June	Mt. Abu	Rajasthan
25.	Himachal Summer Festival	1-16 June	Shimal	Himachal Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of Festival	Date & Month	Places	State
1		2	3	4 5
26.	Mango Festival	7 July	Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh
27.	Chariot Fstival	1st week of July	Puri	Orissa
28.	Alleppey Boat Race	10 August	Alleppey	Kerala
29.	Ganesh Chaturhi	11-12 September	Bombay/Pune	Maharashtra
30.	Tametar Festival	12.24 September	Surendra Nagar	Gujarath
31.	Onam	September	Trivendrum	Kerala
32.	Festival of Dances	September		Andhra Pradesh
33.	Golconda Festival	September	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
34.	Heikru Hitongba	September	All Over State	Minipur
35.	Navaratri Festival	8 October	Vododara	Gujarat
36.	Dussehara	October	Kullu	Himachal Pradesh
			Mysore	Karnataka
37.	Durga Puja October		Calcutta	West Bengal
38.	Pearl Festival	October	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh

Name of Festival		Date & Month	Places	State
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39.	Ka Pomblang Nongkrem	October-Novwermber	All over State	Meghalaya
40.	Diwali	Novermber		All India
41.	Konarak Festival	7-13 November	Konarak	Orissa
42.	International Trade Fair	14-24 November	Delhi	Delhi
43.	Pushkar Fair	18-21 November	Pushkar	Rajasthan
44.	Sonepur Mela	November	Vaishali	Bihar
45.	International Sea Food Festival	December	Panachi Kochi	Goa Kerala
46.	Hampi Vijayanagar Festival	December	Hampi	Karnataka
47.	Jarmela	December	Chandigarh	Punjab